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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO MFM AND OASGA

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1. LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF WASHINGTON MFM AND THE ATLANTA OASGA HAS BEEN FAIRLY EXTENSIVE AND, FOR THE MOST PART, POSITIVE IN ITS TREATMENT OF THEIR IMPACT ON US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS. EDITORIALS GENERALLY HAVE LAUDED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS AT BOTH CONFERENCES TO IMPROVE HEMISPHERIC TIES AND HAVE EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FUTURE; THEY HAVE BEEN LESS SANGUINE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE OAS ITSELF WHICH HAS BEEN HELD IN LOW REGARD HERE SINCE THE 1969 HONDURAS/SALVADOR CONFLICT.

2. VARIOUS PAPERS CITED THE MEXICO, WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA MEETINGS AS EVIDENCE OF RENEWED US INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA AND AN IMPROVED CLIMATE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. REPORTE ECONOMICO NOTED THAT "A NEW ORDER IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS SLOWLY EMERGING" AND EL MUNDO URGED THAT A "COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY SYSTEM" BE THE FINAL GOAL OF THE PROCESS OF DIALOGUE. PRENSA GRAFICA LAUDED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEGOTIATING ABILITY

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WHICH IT CONTENDED AVOIDED US-LA CONFRONTATION AT MEXICO;

IT ALSO ASSERTED THAT PERHAPS THE MOST USEFUL PRODUCT OF THE "NEW DIALOGUE" HAS BEEN CLOSER UNITY AMONG THE LA'S THEMSELVES. DIARIO LATINO CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEW LOOK IN US POLICY TOWARD THE HEMISPHERE BUT URGED THE US TO "PUT THE CARDS ON THE TABLE" IN RESPONDING TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES OF INTEREST TO LA. AS REPORTED IN SS 1649, ONE REPORTE COLUMNIST COMMENTED CRITICALLY ON THE "THREE FACED" ASPECT OF US POLICY TOWARD LA WITH STATE, COMMERCE AND THE US CONGRESS PURSUING CONTRADICTORY INTERESTS.

3. CONCERNING THE OASGA ITSELF, THE PAPERS COMMENTED ON A FEW ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE. THE CONSERVATIVE DIARIO DE HOY AND THE DIARIO LATINO WARNED AGAINST THE MOVE TOWARD READMITTING CUBA TO THE HEMISPHERIC FAMILY (WHICH BOTH IMPLIED THE US IS TACITLY SANCTIONING); THE FORMER FOR IDEALOGICAL AND SECURITY REASONS, THE LATTER FEARING A REDUCTION IN THE SALVADORAN SHARE OF THE US SUGAR QUOTA. PRENSA GRAFICA NOTED THE "DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT" THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE EXCHANGE OF COMMENTS BETWEEN THE HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN FOREIGNMINISTERS OVER THE ORIGIN OF TE 1969 CONFLICT WHICH IT SAID WREE TO BE EXPECTED IN VIEW OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE BILATERAL TALKS AND EL SALVADOR'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PACT OF BOGOTA. THE PAPER TOOK ISSUE, HOWEVER, WITH FONMIN BORGONOVO'S STATEMENT THAT THE BILATERALS WERE PRODUCTIVE BY CONTENDING THAT THEY HAD GENERATED "NO PROGRESS AT ALL." DIARIO DE HOY TOOK FONMIN BATRES TO TASK FOR TRYING TO "CONFUSE" THE TRUE CAUSE OF THE 1969 CONFLICT.

4. IN SUMMINGUP THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE OASGA, PRENSA GRAFICA TERMED IT NON-PRODUCTIVE, REFLECTING THE POOR STATE OF US-LA RELATIONS, AND COMPLAINED THAT IMPORTANT ECONOMIC THEMES WERE OF SECONDARY INTEREST TO THE ASSEMBLY AND WERE TREATED LIGHTLY IN COMPARISON TO THE SPECIAL UNGA UNDERWAY IN NEW YORK. REPORTE, WHILE NOTING THAT THE ASSEMBLY HAD NOT PRODUCED ANY DRAMATIC RESULTS, HELD THAT IT DID HELP DEFINE "THE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF HEMISPHERIC REALITY." LESS POSITIVE WERE THE COMMENTS OF DIARIO DE HOY WHICH CONTENDED THE OASGA PRODUCED NOTHING NEW, AND PRENSA GRAFICA WHICH CLAIMED THE ATLANTA MEETING DEMONSTRATED THAT THE "BELLS ARE TOLLING" FOR THE WORTHLESS ORGANIZATIONS."

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5. I HAVE PENDING REQUEST TO CALL ON FONMIN BORGONOVO AND WILL SEEK HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS O THE MFM AND OASGA. CAMPBELL

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